

Radio Stamps

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Hello again, and welcome to the tenth edition of *Radio Stamps* in 1993. A special welcome, as always, if you're listening to the program for the first time. You're tuned today to the monthly program that's all about the fun of collecting stamps on the topic of radio. This program combines the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps from around the world about radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, from amateur radio to radio stations. Collecting stamps on the topic of radio is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

This is program number 36, and it's time to announce a contest winner. Since the *Radio Stamps* program started in 1990, here on the DX Partyline at HCJB, there have been 19 contest winners from 10 different countries around the world - Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Indonesia, New Zealand, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, the United States, and Wales. The prizes I've given away, from my own collection, or provided by radio stations and individuals, include first day covers, stamp collections and T-shirts.

The best way to get details for any of the contests I have is to be a regular listener here on HCJB. *Radio Stamps* is usually heard here on the DX Partyline on the first Saturday of the month. Each and every listener is eligible to enter the contests.

I also have a special draw, held once a year in December, for *Radio Stamps* reporters. You are invited to join in and report on new issues of radio stamps from around the globe. You can participate each month, if you like, or as often as you wish. It's easy to join in as a *Radio Stamps* reporter. Just write with news from your part of the world about any new issues or finds of stamps on the topic of radio. News is also welcome from reporters about published references on radio stamps. If you find an interesting article about collecting radio stamps, in a radio or a stamp magazine, write and tell me about it.

Be sure to include your name and address with each of your reports. The names of all contributors to the program are entered in an annual draw to win stamps on the topic of radio. Each time you contribute as a *Radio Stamps* reporter, your name is entered for the draw. Thank you this month to reporter John Peedell, of Oakhurst, New Jersey, for his news of an article about collecting radio stamps from an old issue of the *Elementary Electronics* magazine. The last two winners of the annual draw for *Radio Stamps* reporters were Rudi Eko Marwanto, of Indonesia, and Peter Grenfell of New Zealand. The next winner will be drawn in a month's time, and announced in January.

I also have contests during the year to win radio stamps. In July, visiting from the Island of Gotland, in Sweden, my good friend and well-known DXer, Bjorn Fransson, was a special guest here in the *Radio Stamps* studio to announce a contest. During the past year, I featured stamps on the topic of radio from eleven different countries. The first letters of these countries spelled the name of a stamp program heard here on HCJB, on the DX Partyline. I received contest entries from Australia, England, Honduras, New Zealand, and the United States. All the entries were entered in the draw, and the contest winner is being announced here today.

There are two great prizes from my collection for this *Radio Stamps* contest. One is from Sweden and the other is from Canada. The first is a mint stamp for the 50th anniversary of the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation in 1974. The stamp shows Sven Jerring and two children broadcasting his well known program "Children's Letterbox". It started in 1925 and was one of Radio Sweden's first programs. "Children's Letterbox" ran for 47 years with the same program leader. The other prize today is a first day cover, in 1971, from Radio Canada International, for the official opening of RCI's shortwave transmitters in Sackville, New Brunswick. The design of the stamp, with stylized maple leaves, also includes the words "Radio Canada International, Speaking to the World".

A few minutes ago, all the postcard entries were put in a shopping bag, and my daughter Jennie, aged ten, drew the winner. Here's Jennie to make the announcement. The winner today on the *Radio Stamps* program is Jill Grenfell of Weston, Oamaru, New Zealand. This is the second time the Grenfell family in New Zealand has been a contest winner. Congratulations Jill. I hope you enjoy the stamps. Thank you Jennie. It was nice to have you make your shortwave broadcasting debut here on the *Radio Stamps* program, on the DX Partyline of HCJB.

Well, I hope you were able to listen last month for my contest to win a first day cover from the Netherlands for Radio Oranje. Radio reception on the first Saturday of October was quite poor here in Almonte. In case you too were not able to tune in *Radio Stamps* on the DX Partyline at that time, I'll give you the details again.

On May 5th this year, the Dutch Post Office issued two 80 cent stamps as part of a general series on the second world war. The stamps commemorate Radio Oranje, which was a programme compiled and presented by the Dutch government in exile, and broadcast over BBC transmitters. The two commemorative stamps are unusual as they're printed side by side on one sheet. One stamp, in orange, shows the lead singer of a cabaret group that sang resistance songs over Radio Oranje. The other stamp, in mauve, shows a young man listening to a Radio Oranje broadcast. The round cachet, also in mauve, on the left side of the white envelope, shows a young man with headphones listening illegally to a broadcast using a home-made radio hidden under the floor of the house.

The text on each stamp, in Dutch, is taken from the opening announcement of Radio Oranje which gave the wavelengths and greeted Dutch listeners around the world. Along the bottom of the cover a special Radio Oranje banner, in large blue letters, has been added from the original rubber stamp used at Radio Oranje in London on official correspondence. This hand stamp is now part of a collection at Radio Netherlands.

Thanks to Jonathan Marks of Media Network at Radio Netherlands, I'll be giving away two of these unique first day covers. To enter the contest, just send me a picture postcard from your community with your name and address, along with the words Radio Oranje, that's spelled O-R-A-N-J-E.. Two winners will be drawn next month and announced in January. Get your entry in soon. This first day cover is certainly one of the finest I've seen on the topic of radio.

I hope my mailbox starts to fill up again soon with contest entries. Here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is K0A 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.